

**Table F: New Governors Elected Each 4-Year Period, 1970–2016 (a)**

Year	Number of gubernatorial elections	New Governors		Incumbents Running		
		Won	Percent	Number	Won	Percent
1970	35	19	54	24	16	66.7
1971	3	3	100	...	...	...
1972	18	11	61	11	7	63.6
1973	2	2	100	1	...	0.0
1974	35	18	51	22	17	77.3
1975	3	1	33	2	2	100.0
1976	14	9	64	8	5	62.5
1977	2	1	50	1	1	...
1978	36	20	56	23	16	69.5
1979	3	3	100	...	...	...
1980	13	6	46	12	7	58.3
1981	2	2	100	...	...	...
1982	36	17	47	25	19	76.0
1983	3	3	100	1	...	0.0
1984	13	9	69	6	4	66.7
1985	2	1	50	1	1	...
1986	36	21	58	18	15	83.3
1987	3	3	100	1	...	0.0
1988	12	4	33	9	8	88.9
1989	2	2	100	...	...	...
1990	36	19	53	23	17	74.0
1991	3	3	100	2	...	0.0
1992	12	8	67	4	4	100.0
1993	2	1	50	1	...	0.0
1994	36	19	53	23	17	74.0
1995	3	2	67	1	1	100.0
1996	11	4	36	7	7	100.0
1997	2	1	50	1	1	100.0
1998	36	13	36	25	23	92.0
1999	3	1	33	2	2	100.0
2000	11	6	55	6	5	83.3
2001	2	2	100	...	...	...
2002	36	24	67	16	12	75.0
2003 (b)	4	4	100	2	...	0.0
2004	11	7	64	8	4	50.0
2005	2	2	100	...	...	...
2006	36	9	25	27	25	92.6
2007	3	2	67	2	1	50.0
2008	11	3	24	8	8	100.0
2009	2	2	100	1	...	0.0
2010	37	26	70	14	11	78.6
2011	4	1	25	3	3	100.0
2012 (c)	12	5	42	7	7	100.0
2013	2	1	50	1	1	100.0
2014	36	10	28	29	26	89.6
2015	3	2	67	1	1	100.0
2016	12	8	67	5	4	80.0
Total	641	340	53	384	298	77.6

Source: Thad Beyle.

Key:

(a) Table A: Gubernatorial Elections: 1970–2010, *The Book of the States 2011* (Lexington, KY: The Council of State Governments, 2011), 128.

(b) In 2003, there was a recall and replacement election vote in California in which the incumbent Gov. Gray Davis (D) was recalled and Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected as his replacement.

(c) In June 2012, a recall and replacement election was held in Wisconsin. Gov. Scott Walker (R) won 53 percent of the votes cast and was not recalled.